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AMENDED OFFICIAL FORM 7
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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The Judicial Conference has approved amendments to Official Bankruptcy form 7, the Statement of Financial Affairs. This form must be completed by the debtor in every bankruptcy case.

The form has been amended to provide additional information requested by taxing authorities, pension fund supervisors and governmental units charged with environmental protection and regulation. Four new questions have been added to the form. The new questions concern:

- community property owned by a debtor and the debtor's non-filing spouse or former spouse (Question 16)
- environmental information (Question 17)
- any consolidated tax group of a corporate debtor (Question 24)
- the debtor's contributions to any employee pension fund (Question 25).

In addition, any corporate or partnership debtor and every individual or joint debtor who has been in business within six years before filing the petition must answer Questions 19-25. This is an enlargement of the two-year period previously specified. The instructions contained in the form also have been amended to make it clear that individual or joint debtors who have not been in business, as defined in the form, within the six years prior to filing should not answer Questions 19 through 25 but proceed directly to the signature page of the form.

The amended official form 7 is available on the Court's website at <http://www.nywb.uscourts.gov>.